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## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 8, 2006

Dear Sir:

Please cancel claim 23 without prejudice and amend the claims in accordance with the following CLAIM AMENDMENTS section; and consider the comments in the following REMARKS section.